

IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

2022 ND 62

In the Adoption of A.A.H., a minor child

N.H.,

Petitioner and Appellee

v.

M.A.H.; Christopher D. Jones, as
Executive Director of the North Dakota
Department of Human Services,

Respondents

and

M.J.A., II,

Respondent and Appellant

No. 20220045

Appeal from the District Court of Cass County, East Central Judicial District,
the Honorable Tristan J. Van de Streek, Judge.

AFFIRMED.

Per Curiam.

Rachel M. Hanson, Fargo, N.D., for petitioner and appellee.

Alexis Madlom (argued), under the Rule on Limited Practice of Law by Law
Students, and Stormy R. Vickers (appeared), Fargo, N.D., for respondent and
appellant.

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[¶1] The biological father of A.A.H. appeals from an adoption decree terminating his parental rights and granting a petition for adoption. The father argues the district court erred by adopting the petitioner’s findings of fact, finding he abandoned A.A.H., and terminating his parental rights. “[A]lthough we prefer trial courts prepare their own findings of fact, if the adopted findings adequately explain the basis of the trial court’s decision, we will uphold them unless clearly erroneous.” *Roberson v. Roberson*, 2004 ND 203, ¶ 11, 688 N.W.2d 380. We conclude the court’s findings adequately explain its decision to terminate parental rights, are supported by clear and convincing evidence, and are not clearly erroneous. The court did not clearly err in finding the father abandoned A.A.H., and did not abuse its discretion by terminating his parental rights under N.D.C.C. § 14-15-19. We summarily affirm under N.D.R.App.P. 35.1(a)(2) and (4).

[¶2] Jon J. Jensen, C.J.
Gerald W. VandeWalle
Daniel J. Crothers
Lisa Fair McEvers
Jerod E. Tufte